

Northgate Revitalization Project Status Report

July 12, 2005

1. Northgate Library, Community Center and Park.
 - Construction is underway and on schedule.
2. Northgate Commons.
 - DPD recommendations on contract rezone and Master Use Permit expected later this Summer followed by Hearing Examiner review. Seattle City Council may begin deliberation as early as Fall. When a more detailed schedule is set, it will be posted on the Northgate Stakeholders web page.
3. South Lot Planning:
 - Preliminary designs of Northgate Commons and Thornton Creek Channel – ongoing. Discussions with federal and state environmental regulatory agencies are beginning.
 - 3rd Avenue NE street extension and NE 103rd St. preliminary designs are underway (SDOT report tonight)
 - Planning sidewalks and potential street improvements on adjacent streets.
 - Planning utility services.
 - Refining plans and designs for pedestrian system between Northgate Commons, Thornton Creek Channel, Metro Transit Center and future King County Transit Oriented Development and linking to surrounding neighborhoods.
 - Shared parking agreements are under discussion (Lorig/King County and King County/Simon).
4. Northgate Mall Expansion
 - Master Use Permit decision expected to be issued in July.
 - Possible demolition of theater and medical building by this fall and construction to begin in Spring 2006.

5. 5th Ave NE Street Improvements Project
 - Coordination is ongoing for the design and construction details of Northgate Mall entryway and 5th Ave NE Streetscape projects.
 - 90% design is ready.
 - Construction scheduled for 1st Qtr. 2006
6. Pedestrian connection between Northgate North (Target) and Northgate Mall
 - Seattle Dept. of Transportation and Simon evaluating options for short-term improvement. CTIP to evaluate longer-term.
7. Northgate Neighborhood Arts Council –
 - Upcoming meeting with artist for 5th Ave NE Streetscape project
8. 1st Annual Northgate Festival
 - Sunday, August 21, 2005, 11 AM to 6 PM (flyers available with details)
9. Northgate Art Plan
 - Artist in Residence Benson Shaw has developed a draft Northgate Art Plan that will be issued shortly.
10. Maple Leaf Community Garden
 - Design is underway.
 - Recommendations forwarded to Mayor and city council to approve Pro parks Levy Opportunity Fund and Large Matching Fund grants. Awards announced by Fall.
11. Pinehurst Park
 - On the high-priority development list for Pro Parks Opportunity Funds, and applications for Starbucks Parks Program and Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Small and Simple grant program and underway.
 - Held one of three public meetings for the preliminary design